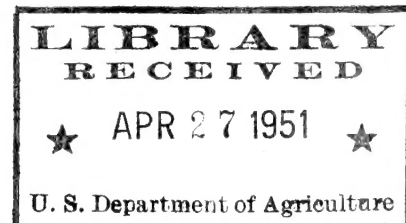


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LIST OF GESNERIADS - 1951

Other plants in the African Violet Family

CULTURE

In general, the culture of all gesneriads is similar. They prefer a loose sandy soil with plenty of half rotted leafmold and fibrous peat with some fine charcoal added, sterile and free of nematodes (root knot). Put extra good drainage at the bottom of the pot. Also most gesneriads will develop water spots on the foliage from overhead watering when the temperature is high. The rules for fertilizing African Violets hold true for these other relatives, liquid fertilizer applied about every two weeks during growth is sufficient. The bulbous types, Achimenes, Naegelias, Gloxinias, etc., take a rest after their blooming period is over, and water should be applied often enough to keep the bulbs from shrinking when they are dormant. A little brighter light exposure than you have found best for flowering African Violets will be just about right for most other gesneriads.

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ACHIMENES:

At the beginning of our shipping season Achimenes are just starting to grow, so our prices are based on either supplying two or more dormant or just sprouting bulbs or one started plant. This means that the early orders will probably get bulbs but certain varieties will be in growth at that time.

Andersoni - dark blue flowers, lighter in throat	\$ .35
Carmine - medium size flowers, brick red	.25
Carminata - dwarf plant, medium size fls. magenta red	.35
Little Beauty - medium size flowers, cherry red	.35
Longiflora - large blue flowers	.25
Longiflora Margaritae - large, pure white flowers	.35
Periwinkle blue - a very late-flowering, hanging basket type with clear blue fls. and small dark green leaves, maroon beneath	.25
Robustus - very strong growing type, purplish blue flowers	.20
Mixed seedlings	.20
Collection - 8 varieties, our selection; there may be other varieties not listed here included in this collection	1.50

EPISCIA:

Very tender tropical trailing plants, all of which have beautiful foliage and most have brilliant scarlet flowers.

Coccinea (Fulgida) - brownish hairy leaves with silvery green veins	\$ .75
Cupreata - hairy copper colored leaves	.75
Cupreata var. Viridifolia - smooth Nile green leaves, best bloomer	.75
Cupreata var. Silver Sheen - leaves bright silver with darker margin	1.00
Splendens - smooth light green and silver leaves	.75
Lilacina - bronze leaves with broad iridescent lilac midrib	1.00
Sp. - Unnamed species, smooth silvery green leaves with brown margin, distinct, free flowering	1.50
All above varieties have scarlet flowers	
Chontalensis - small dark green leaves, light blue fringed fls.	1.00
Collection of above 8 varieties	6.00

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- COLUMNEA gloriosa - trailing stems to five feet long; small hairy brownish leaves; large tubular scarlet flowers, beautifully flared, very choice and rare - plant \$1.50
- COLUMNEA schiediana - herbaceous climber; strong grower; 4" pointed leaves; flowers 2" long, brick red, spotted. - plant \$1.00
- CORYTHOLOMA Douglasii var. Leopoldi - tuberous gloxinia-like plant, free flowering in early winter. - Seedling plants ready for shipping in June \$1.00
- GESNERIA lindenii - beautifully veined velvety leaves, fls. blue and white - plant \$.75
- GESNERIA macrantha (G. cardinalis) - velvety, emerald green leaves; long cardinal red tubular flowers - plant \$.60
- GESNERIA umbellata - like above, flowers brilliant red - plant \$.75
- GLOXINIA Hybrids - a very fine strain, flowers up to six inches, mixed colors. Small bulbs, 3 for \$.50; medium bulbs \$.25 ea. Plants \$.75 to \$1.25
- ISOLOMA hirsuta - a free flowering hairy plant with orange-scarlet flowers, darker margin. Plant \$.75
- KOHLERIA seemanii - leaves light green overlaid with beautiful pattern of chocolate brown. Plant almost continuous bloomer when older with heavy sprays of pink flowers. Good basket plant. Plant \$1.00
- NAEGELIA - besides having a bright display of many nodding bells in yellow, orange or red, these plants have some of the most beautiful leaves imaginable. Prices are for three bulbs or one plant, depending on season.
- NAEGELIA cinnebarina - leaves like red velvet, flowers red. \$1.50
- NAEGELIA zebrina - leaves beautifully mottled, fls. orange yellow spotted with red. \$1.00
- SINNINGIA speciosa - beautiful dark velvety leaves veined with white, dark purple slipper-type gloxinia flowers. Rare. Plant \$2.00
- SINNINGIA maximiliana - interesting forerunner of modern gloxinia. Plants available in June \$2.00
- STREPTOCARPUS nobilis - plant low, long strap-shaped leaves; light blue tubular flowers on long stems, blooms continuously. Lg. plants \$1.00 to \$2.00
- STREPTOCARPUS, English hybrids - large-flowered strain with gloxinia-like flowers and low strap-shaped leaves. Small plants \$2.00
- TRICHOSPORUM lobbians - trailing plant, hard, waxy green leaves, orange-red flowers on tips of branches. Plant \$.75
- TRICHOSPORUM pulchra - trailing plant; leaves very dark green; flowers scarlet on tips of branches. Plant \$1.00

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